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Letter from the Head of School

Mr P Miller

Dear Parents and carers,

On Monday we held the first of our two rescheduled Presentation Evenings, which were postponed due to the incredibly hot weather

we experienced in mid-July. This week's event was to celebrate the achievements of students now in Year 8 and 9, during their time in Year 7 and 8. It was a particular pleasure for students, parents and staff to gather together to celebrate success after the disruption caused by the Covid pandemic - we were last able to hold a Presentation Evening in 2019. Whilst 2021-22 was a relatively normal school year, the education of all children was affected in the previous two years, despite the best efforts of schools, parents and (of course) students. It is even more commendable then, that we had so many achievements to celebrate. Over 60 awards were given out in three categories:

Subject Awards – nominated by Heads of Department and Heads of Faculty – awarded for:

- Achieving the highest attainment or the most progress in the subject in 2021-22
- Consistently showing an excellent attitude towards the subject
- Being a role model to other students in the subject

Contribution Awards – nominated by Progress Leaders and Student Managers – awarded for:

- Being a role model to others – committed to being the best student that they can
- Always demonstrating excellent behaviour in and around school
- Consistently contributing to the extra-curricular programme



Leadership awards – nominated by the school's Leadership Team – awarded for:

- Demonstrating consistently outstanding behaviour in all aspects of school life
- Achieving outstanding progress and/or attainment in a number of subjects
- Consistently contributing to the wider school community
- Being a role model to all groups of students

The nominated students were previously taken on a visit to the flagship Waterstones bookshop in Piccadilly to choose a book each, which was presented to them along with a certificate recognising their achievements. We are rightly very proud of the achievements and contributions of all the students who received awards. Our Key Stage 4 Presentation Evening is on Monday 17th October.

Uniform: Our full uniform policy is published on the school's website, but a couple of reminders as the weather becomes more autumnal:

- pupils' coats, hats and scarves should be black or navy blue
- hoodies are not allowed in school
- students should always be wearing their blazers (except during PE activities), but can also wear the optional school jumper under their blazer

Important upcoming events are:

- Monday 17th October: Key Stage 4 Presentation Evening (for students in Years 10, 11 and 12)
- Thursday 20th October: Sixth Form Open Evening, for Year 11 students and parents
- Thursday 3rd November: Year 9 Curriculum Evening for parents
- Thursday 10th November: Year 10 Curriculum Evening for parents
- Thursday 24th November: Year 11 Parents' Evening for parents

Our Weekly Newsletter aims to provide our school community with news, updates, important announcements and key dates. However, if you do have any questions, please contact the school via info@edact.org.uk the first instance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Paul Miller, Head of School



Edmonton County School

Chief Executive of EdacT
Dr Susan Tranter MA

Sixth Form Open Evening - Bury Campus
Thursday 20th October 2022 5pm - 8pm
Talks at 5.30pm and 6.30pm



IMPORTANT EXAMINATION INFORMATION

Dear Candidates/Parents

In Year Admission Testing**EXPECTATIONS FOR STUDENTS**

- Make sure you check the seating plans posted in the playground in case there is a change of room for your exam (line up in the playground at least 15 minutes before the start time)
- Bring all the equipment you will need for the exam [black pens, pencils, ruler, calculator (where allowed), protractor, compasses]
- Full school uniform/smart business wear needs to be worn, with IDs placed on the exam desk
- Make sure you understand the rules
- Mobile phones/smart watches, or any other product with potential technological/web enabled sources of information must be switched off and put in bags. **Any student found with such a device on them in an exam room will face disqualification from that exam**
- Any pencil cases taken into the exam room must be see-through
- Only small water bottles will be allowed into the exam room and must have all labels removed

You must not take into the exam room:

- notes
- a calculator case/instruction leaflet

Listen to the invigilators and follow their instructions during the exam. Students will be attending lessons as normal when not sitting an exam.

Good luck with your revision and the exams!

Ms G Boniface**Examinations Manager - Edmonton County School****020 8370 1924****Week Commencing 17th October 2022**

Date	Start	Len	Board	Component Code	Component Title
Tues 18th Oct	08:30	2 hours			Bio Medical Admission Tests

Week Commencing 31st October 2022

Date	Start	Len	Board	Component Code	Component Title	
Mon 31 Oct	08:30	01:45	AQA	8700/1	English Language Paper 1	GCSE/9FC
Tue 01 Nov	08:30	01:30	EDEXL/GCSE	1MA1 1F	Maths Paper 1 Non Calculator [F]	GCSE/9FC
Wed 02 Nov	08:30	01:45	AQA	8700/2	English Language Paper 2	GCSE/9FC
Thu 03 Nov	08:30	01:30	EDEXL/GCSE	1MA1 2F	Maths Paper 2 Calculator [F]	GCSE/9FC

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healthwatch Enfield

Evening and weekend GP appointments are available seven days a week at GP hubs in Enfield.

GP hubs are staffed by experienced GPs and nurses and offer assessment and treatment for adults and children with minor injuries and illnesses.

Both routine and same-day appointments are offered, subject to availability.

Appointments take place by phone, video, or face to face – depending on your clinical need.

More information is available on the Enfield GP Federation websites:

<http://www.enfieldgpfederation.com/access-hubs>

<https://www.healthwatchenfield.co.uk/advice-and-information/2022-10-11/evening-and-weekend-gp-appointments-gp-hubs>

There are **four GP hubs** in Enfield. Anyone who is registered with an Enfield GP, or lives in Enfield but hasn't yet registered with a GP, can request an appointment at any of the locations.

Call 03000 333 666 to book an appointment.

Enfield GP hub locations and opening times:

Evergreen Primary Care Centre

1 Smythe Close, Edmonton N9 0TW

Open Monday to Friday: 6.30-8pm

Open Saturday and Sunday: 8am-8pm

Carlton House Surgery

28 Tenniswood Road, Enfield EN1 3LL

Open Monday to Friday: 6.30-8pm

Open Saturday and Sunday: 8am-8pm

Eagle House Surgery

291 High Street, Enfield EN3 4DN

Open Saturday and Sunday: 8am-8pm

The Woodberry Practice

1 Woodberry Avenue, Winchmore Hill N21 3LE

Open Monday to Friday: 6.30-8pm

Open Saturday: 8am-8pm

OFFICE NEWS

Lost Property

Several items of lost property have been handed into the school offices of both campuses:

- ◆ Outdoor coats
- ◆ School blazers
- ◆ Bags with shoes/trainers
- ◆ Umbrellas
- ◆ Glasses

If your son/daughter has lost anything **since September/recently**, please ask them to check their classrooms or ask at the school office to identify and reclaim their lost item.

It would assist the school office in returning items handed in if they were appropriately labelled.

IMPORTANT - ParentPay Arrears

Could Parents/Carers please clear Parentpay arrears as students will not be able to make purchases if their account is in arrears.

Ms S Patel - Administration Manager



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Celebrating SUCCESS at Edmonton County School

CELEBRATING SUCCESS IN THE EXPRESSIVE ARTS FACULTY



Drama and Music Evening in July



Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils were involved in the Summer Evening of Music and Drama in July

The pupils' parents loved watching their children perform! There were extracts from Matilda, Choir performances also a range of instruments from Recorder to the Sax. It was a great evening.

Recently, some year 7, 8 and 10 Drama pupils helped out at the Yr6 Open Evening, where they created fantastic characters. The evening resulted in a final performance of their devised piece:

In December, the KS4 drama pupils will be going to see 'The Woman In Black' in the West End:

In Music, our pupils have been busy helping out at the Open evenings and Awards Evenings:

Fredrick Gonumakalalallem played the Piano beautifully for the Opening Evening on September 29th.

Kaan Gedik, Dawid Bozek and Jordan Apeageyi performed for the Awards Evening on Monday 10th October.

What a credit to our school!

Results:

Drama has really improved its results- almost 25% of pupils received grades 7-9 this year, which is fantastic!

Ms E Hilliker - Head of Drama and Music - Expressive Arts Faculty

EDMONTON COUNTY SCHOOL PRESENTS

MUSIC & DRAMA EVENING

MUSIC // guitar, singing, saz, choir
 DRAMA // year 7 mime performances

TUESDAY 5th JULY 2022
 5 PM - 6 PM

CAMBRIDGE CAMPUS
 FREE ENTRY
 Students please sign up with Ms Harper at Cambridge and Ms Vallorini at Bury



EXPRESSIVE ARTS

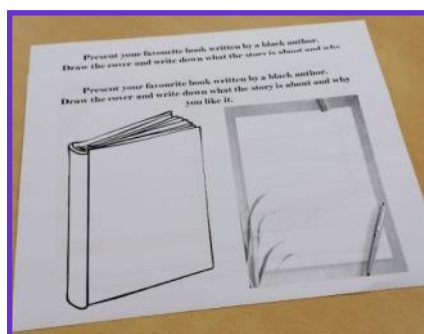
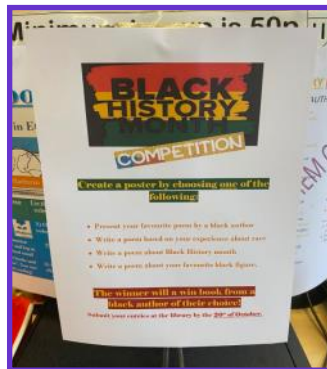




LITERACY NEWS

Black History Month is now well underway and students at Edmonton County have been getting involved in the activities and competitions the library has on offer and borrowing and reading books from our fantastic BHM selection!

We have three different competitions with some great prizes including a book by a black author of your choice. We have poems on display that link to National Poetry Day which we also celebrate in October, special activities for library lessons and a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books pulled together in our wonderful library displays! We also have some exclusive BHM bookmarks, hand-made at ECS by our clever, creative librarians to give away for free!



This year, instead of words of the week, we are going back to our roots looking at prefixes, suffixes and the roots of words. This week our prefix is fore

- Foreshadow
- Foresight
- Forecast
- Foreground
- Foreseeable



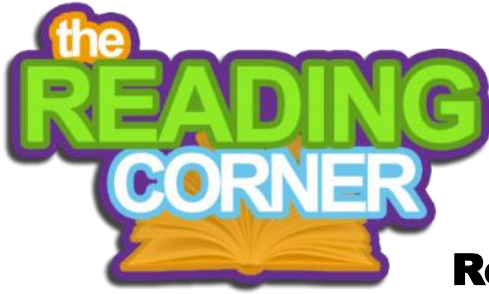
Can you think of any more "fore" words?

Staff are reading...

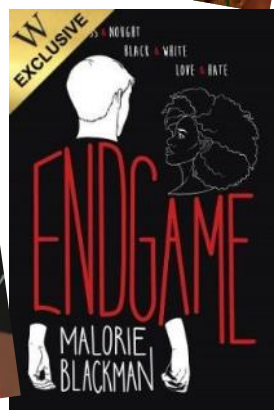
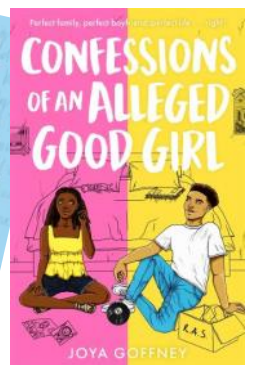
Miss Jean-Baptiste is reading: *The Dark Lady* by Akala

I know this because she borrowed it from our library yesterday !





Recommended Reading



KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE**BY NIKKI GIOVANNI**

I always like summer
best
you can eat fresh corn
from daddy's garden
and okra
and greens
and cabbage
and lots of
barbecue
and buttermilk
and homemade ice-cream
at the church picnic
and listen to
gospel music
outside
at the church
homecoming
and go to the mountains with
your grandmother
and go barefooted
and be warm
all the time
not only when you go to bed
and sleep

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**MOTHER TO SON
BY LANGSTON HUGHES**

Well, son, I'll tell you:
Life for me ain't been no crystal stair.
It's had tacks in it,
And splinters,
And boards torn up,
And places with no carpet on the floor-
Bare.
But all the time
I've been a-climbin' on,
And reachin' landin's,
And turnin' corners,
And sometimes goin' in the dark
Where there ain't been no light.
So, boy, don't you turn back.
Don't you set down on the steps.
'Cause you finds it's kinder hard.
Don't you fall now-
For I've still goin', honey,
I've still climbin',
And life for me ain't been no crystal stair.

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FOR TRAYVON MARTIN**BY REUBEN JACKSON**

Instead of sleeping—
I walk with him from the store.
No Skittles, thank you.
We do not talk much—
Sneakers crossing the courtyard.
Humid Southern night.
We shake hands and hug—
Ancient, stoic tenderness.
I nod to the moon.
I'm so old school—
I hang till the latch clicks like.
An unloaded gun.

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**TRUTH
BY GWENDOLYN BROOKS**

And if sun comes
How shall we greet him?
Shall we not dread him,
Shall we not fear him
After so lengthy a
Session with shade?

Though we have wept for him,
Though we have prayed
All through the night-years—
What if we wake one shimmering morning to
Hear the fierce hammering
Of his firm knuckles
Hard on the door?

Shall we not shudder?—
Shall we not flee
Into the shelter, the dear thick shelter
Of the familiar
Propitious haze?

Sweet is it, sweet is it
To sleep in the coolness
Of snug unawareness.

The dark hangs heavily
Over the eyes.

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BLK HISTORY MONTH BY NIKKI GIOVANNI

If Black History Month is not
viable then wind does not
carry the seeds and drop them
on fertile ground
rain does not
dampen the land
and encourage the seeds
to root
sun does not
warm the earth
and kiss the seedlings
and tell them plain:
You're As Good As Anybody Else
You've Got A Place Here, Too

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HISTORY LESSON BY NATASHA TRETHERWEY

I am four in this photograph, standing
on a wide strip of Mississippi beach,
my hands on the flowered hips
of a bright bikini. My toes dig in,
curl around wet sand. The sun cuts
the rippling Gulf in flashes with each
tidal rush. Minnows dart at my feet
glinting like switchblades. I am alone
except for my grandmother, other side
of the camera, telling me how to pose.
It is 1970, two years after they opened
the rest of this beach to us,
forty years since the photograph
where she stood on a narrow plot
of sand marked colored, smiling,
her hands on the flowered hips
of a cotton meal-sack dress.

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SONNET

BY JAMES WELDON JOHNSON

My heart be brave, and do not falter so,
Nor utter more that deep, despairing wail.
Thy way is very dark and drear I know,
But do not let thy strength and courage fail;
For certain as the raven-winged night
Is followed by the bright and blushing morn,
Thy coming morrow will be clear and bright;
'Tis darkest when the night is furthest worn.
Look up, and out, beyond, surrounding clouds,
And do not in thine own gross darkness grope,
Rise up, and casting off thy hind'ring shrouds,
Cling thou to this, and ever inspiring hope:
Tho' thick the battle and tho' fierce the fight,
There is a power making for the right.

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THE SLAVE AUCTION BY FRANCES ELLEN WATKINS HARPER

The sale began—young girls were there,
Defenseless in their wretchedness,
Whose stifled sobs of deep despair
Revealed their anguish and distress.

And mothers stood, with streaming eyes,
And saw their dearest children sold;
Unheeded rose their bitter cries,
While tyrants bartered them for gold.

And woman, with her love and truth—
For these in sable forms may dwell—
Gazed on the husband of her youth,
With anguish none may paint or tell.

And men, whose sole crime was their hue,
The impress of their Maker's hand,
And frail and shrinking children too,
Were gathered in that mournful band.

Ye who have laid your loved to rest,
And wept above their lifeless clay,
Know not the anguish of that breast,
Whose loved are rudely torn away.

Ye may not know how desolate
Are bosoms rudely forced to part,
And how a dull and heavy weight
Will press the life-drops from the heart.

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TEACHING AND LEARNING TIP

Check out these websites for some top teaching and learning resources:



The subject association for history, the [Historical Association](#), has many black history resources available including those linked to in their annual Black History Month news story.

[BBC Bitesize](#) – Resources relevant to Black History Month.

[National Archives](#) – ‘World Through a Lens’, photos from over 100 years history, including Africa and the Americas. Many of these could be used as the stimulus for lessons in black history.

[Oak National Academy](#) – Has a selection of black history resources available for both English and history lessons including on the resistance to slavery in Jamaica in the 19th century and on the Windrush.

[Bristol Museums](#) and [BBC Teach](#) provide resources on the Bristol Bus Boycott.

[The Royal Mint](#) worked with the West India Committee to create a black British history pack titled ‘Diversity Built Britain’, with resources for schools that are aimed at illuminating stories and accounts of important and inspirational Black people that have lived, worked and studied in the UK.

Have a great week!

Ms L Portelli
She/her
Literacy Coordinator



E-books

now available in ECS library!



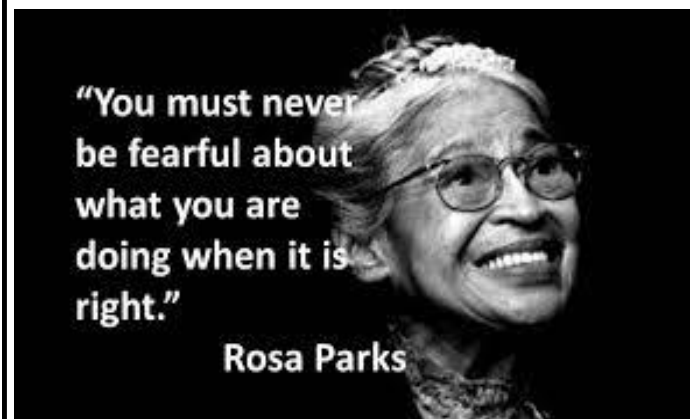
Use the app on your device:	Use the link on the school website or the computer desktop:
1) Download the ePlatform app on your device 	1) Click on the website/desktop link 
2) Find 'Edmonton County School' and log in with your school email	2) Log in with your school email <small>Log in via Office365</small>
3) Search for books and click 'borrow'. You can now start reading!	3) Search for books and click 'borrow'. You can now start reading!

I am very happy to announce that thanks to Miss Tsolokidou, ECS libraries are now offering E-books! This poster shows the very simple steps you need to take to access this either on a phone, tablet or desktop computer.

For more information about E-books as well as all the other brilliant resources the libraries have to offer, please pop in and have a chat to our lovely librarians!

“You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right.”

Rosa Parks



Secondary Assemblies – w/c: 17th October 2022

	Bury Campus - Hall	Cambridge Campus - Gym
Monday 17th October	Year 10	Year 10
Tuesday 18th October	Year 11	Year 11
Wednesday 19th October	Year 13	Year 12
Thursday 20th October		
Friday 21st October	Half Term Holiday	

Top Tutor Groups For Attendance W/C 3rd October 2022



10B2 - 99.6%

7B1 & 11C5 - 99.2%



Overall Bury Attendance - 94.7%

Overall Cambridge Attendance - 94.6%



Sixth Form Best Attendance W/C 3rd October 2022

Cambridge - 12B - 97.3%

Overall Year 12 Attendance - 95.6%

Cambridge - 13A - 96.9%

Overall Year 12 Attendance - 90.8%



Well done and keep up the good work!!

